EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 2666** 

**PATENT** Docket No. 35399.13 Customer No. 000027683

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Assignee: Force10 Networks, Inc.

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For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOAD

BALANCING IN NETWORK PROCESSING DEVICE

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